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Idaho January Red Meat Production Up 18 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for January 2013 totaled 4.2 million pounds, up 18 percent from January of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.35 billion pounds in January, up 5 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in January 2012. Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from January 2012. The average live weight was up 27 pounds from the previous year, at 1,327 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.5 million pounds, slightly above January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 70,900 head, 5 percent above January 2012. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from last year, at 253 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.96 million head, 4 percent above January 2012. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 277 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.4 million pounds, was 2 percent above January 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 177,400 head, 8 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, down 7 pounds from January a year ago.

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